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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A hair treatment applicator for applying a hair treatment to hair, the applicator comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis and being rigidly formed; and

a plurality of retaining structures connected to said handle, each of said plurality of retaining structures comprising a base and a plurality of tines:

wherein said base faces in a direction substantially parallel to that of each other retaining structure and each of said plurality of tines extends substantially perpendicularly from said base;

wherein said plurality of tines are disposed on said base such that each of said plurality of tines is comprised within a first row of two or more tines aligned in a direction substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis of said handle and a second row of two or more tines aligned in a direction substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said handle;

wherein each of said retaining structures is separated from each other of said plurality of retaining structures by a separation volume[[],]; and

wherein each of said plurality of retaining structures is configured for holding said hair treatment

~~wherein each of said plurality of retaining structures is substantially parallel to each other of said plurality of retaining structures and is substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said handle, and wherein said plurality of retaining structures hold the hair treatment such that said hair treatment does not enter said separation volume.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A hair treatment applicator for applying a hair treatment to hair, the applicator comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis and being rigidly formed;

a plurality of heads being connected to said handle; and

a retaining structure being connected to each of said plurality of heads, said retaining structure comprising a base and a plurality of tines:

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wherein said base faces in a direction substantially parallel to that of each other head and each of said plurality of tines extends substantially perpendicularly from said base;

wherein said plurality of tines are disposed on said base such that each of said plurality of tines is comprised within a first row of two or more tines aligned in a direction substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis of said handle and a second row of two or more tines aligned in a direction substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said handle;

wherein each head of said plurality of heads is separated from each other head of said plurality of heads by a separation volume[.]; and

wherein said retaining structure is configured for holding said hair treatment wherein said retaining structure is substantially parallel to each other retaining structure and is substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said handle, and wherein said retaining structure holds the hair treatment such that said hair treatment does not enter said separation volume.

3. (Currently Amended) A hair treatment applicator for applying a hair treatment to hair, the applicator comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis and being rigidly formed;

a first head being connected to said handle, said first head having a plurality of first tines disposed in a substantially square pattern on said first head and forming a first retaining volume disposed on said first head such that each of said plurality of first tines is comprised within a first row of two or more tines aligned in a direction substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis of said handle and a second row of two or more tines aligned in a direction substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said handle, said plurality of first tines forming a first retaining volume;

a second head being connected to said handle, said second head having a plurality of second tines disposed in a substantially square pattern on said second head and forming a second retaining volume, wherein said plurality of first tines and said plurality of second tines are substantially parallel to each other and are substantially perpendicular to

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said longitudinal axis of said handle disposed on said second head such that each of said plurality of second tines is comprised within a first row of two or more tines aligned in a direction substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis of said handle and a second row of two or more tines aligned in a direction substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said handle, said plurality of second tines forming a second retaining volume; and

a separation volume, wherein said first retaining volume and said second retaining volume are separated by said separation volume, and wherein said first and second retaining volumes hold the hair treatment such that said hair treatment does not enter said separation volume are configured for holding said hair treatment.